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Dear Members of the Department of Justice:

If Microsoft is satisfied with the present government judgement agreed to by nine state attorney generals, then I recommend ending future litigations. My personal view of this court case against Microsoft is: "it never should have happened"! Microsoft "Windows" isn't a finished product. The competitors who sought government protection are simply not competitive.

The American Public is extremely fortunate that Microsoft invented "Windows" before a foreign nation developed it. Billions of dollars have flowed to America that otherwise could have been lost. Consumers of Microsoft products have excellent products at affordable prices thanks to competition the American way. I certainly do not wish to see Bill Gates and his company penalized for producing better products (a better mouse trap as the old saying goes).

As a consumer of Microsoft products, I have not been overcharged as might happen with a monopoly. However, I have lost financially when Microsoft stock prices dropped severely due to this court case.

Do not penalize Microsoft for success. Encourage the competition to do better!

The government must not dictate to Microsoft how to design computer software. That would be a disaster and America would lose it's inventive edge!

Respectfully,
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